

Assembly Bill No. 1557

CHAPTER 496

An act to amend Section 71002 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1557, Holden. Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges: student member.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Members of the board are required to be selected from outstanding lay citizens of California who have a strong interest in the further development and improvement of community colleges.

This bill would specify that members of the board, to the greatest extent possible, should be inclusive and representative of the many demographic groups found in California, and that the board should reflect diversity of race and gender, and include, among others, disabled persons and veterans. The bill would also provide that each member of the board should bring his or her own best thinking and personal views to the board's discussion, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 71002 of the Education Code is amended to read:

71002. (a) Members of the board shall be selected from outstanding lay citizens of California who have a strong interest in the further development and improvement of the California Community Colleges.

(b) Members of the board, to the greatest extent possible, should be inclusive and representative of the many demographic groups found in California, and the board should reflect diversity of race and gender, and should include, among others, disabled persons and veterans. In furtherance of the mission of the California Community Colleges, a member of the board should embrace the basic role and responsibility of a member of the board to bring his or her own best thinking and personal views to the board's discussion, determining his or her own position on each issue rather than

being bound to represent or advocate for the positions of a particular organization or constituency.

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